MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER :

Works done by the Varkala Village Union.

(i) Thirteen public wells have been improved.

(ii) Steps have been taken for improving sanitation.

(iii) Arrangements have been made for the installation of lights and the construction of a cattle pound and a public latrine.

Works done by the Kadakavoor Village Union.

(i) Steps have been taken for the installation of street lights, the construction of a cattle pound, the improvement of public tanks, and for improving the sanitation of the Union area.

(ii) Arrangements have been made for the introduction of scavenging service in the Union area.

Grants to Visha Vaidyasalas.

575. *MR. K. M. PAUL : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for grants to Visha Vaidyasalas received during the year 1120 ;

(*b*) the number of applicants to whom grant has been allowed; and

(*c*) the places where these Visha Vaidyasalas function ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Seven.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) 1. Kavumbhagom (Thiruvella taluk)

2. Chavara South (Karunagapally taluk).

MR. K. M. PAUL : May I know from the Government how many applications for grant to Visha Vaidyasalas were received from the Muvattupuzha Taluk.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I have no information on that point now.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know whether the Government have collected the necessary data concerning deaths due to snake bites, as was promised in the last Session of the Assembly ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : The Director has been asked to prepare a statement.

Ayurveda Hospital for Ponkunnam.

576. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken towards the establishment of the Ayurveda Hospital at Ponkunnam ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : A departmental Ayurveda Hospital is not considered necessary at Ponkunnam.

MR. K. G KESAVAN NAIR : May I know from the Government what were the reasons which led to this conclusion ?

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